State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)

Materials and Testing Section Qualification Procedure for Qualified Products List 39

FLEXIBLE POSTS

MATERIAL SPECIFICATION REFERENCE:

DOTD Standard Specifications, Subsection 1015.03

PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS:

Louisiana DOTD Qualified Product Evaluation Form

The manufacturer shall submit a standard "Qualified Product Evaluation Form" to the DOTD Materials and Testing Section Coordinator listed below, along with a letter requesting evaluation for the Qualified Products List.

Product Data Sheets

Include product data sheets with the "Qualified Product Evaluation Form" to provide all pertinent information relative to the product to be evaluated; including, but not limited to, manufacturer's specifications, typical analysis and a Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). This information will be reviewed by the Department to determine conformance to DOTD specifications and the Louisiana MUTCD.

AASHTO
National Transportation Products Evaluation Program (NTPEP)
Product Evaluation Form

The manufacturer shall also submit a standard "AASHTO National Transportation Products Evaluation Program (NTPEP) Product Evaluation Form" to the AASHTO NTPEP Coordinator listed at the bottom of that form. The manufacturer will be contacted by the Coordinator regarding the submission of samples.

TEST REQUIREMENTS:

AASHTO NTPEP

Results obtained by the AASHTO NTPEP will be used in the evaluation of this material. The flexible delineator post will be evaluated after impact for signs of deformation, tendency to list, and damage to sheeting along with other signs of distress.

The contact person affiliated with AASHTO NTPEP is:

NTPEP Coordinator AASHTO National Transportation Products Evaluation Program 444 N. Capitol St. N.W. Suite 249 Washington, D.C. 20001 Materials and Testing Section Qualification Procedure 39 Page 2

For detailed information, refer to the Operational Procedures of the AASHTO NTPEP.

Evaluation Time

A final report will be received after the evaluation period. Exact deadline dates and details for submittals should be obtained from the NTPEP Coordinator.

GENERAL:

Upon completion of the evaluation, the submitter will be notified in writing concerning the results of the evaluation and whether the product will or will not be added to the Qualified Products List. The Department reserves the right to reevaluate any product at any time.

PROJECT ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Qualification of a product is not blanket approval for its use.

Any product may be used without sampling and pretesting provided that prior to installation, the contractor shall furnish the engineer with a notarized certificate stating that the particular product to be used is on the Qualified Products List and indicating the manufacturer, trade name and model number (if any). However, sampling and testing before use may be required whenever a product is questionable for any reason.

DISQUALIFICATION:

Any product may be removed from the Qualified Products List for non-conformance with specifications or performance requirements. The Department must be notified in writing of any change in product formulation. Significant changes may require reevaluation of the product.

REQUALIFICATION:

A product which has been disqualified and removed from the Qualified Products List will be considered for reevaluation only after submission of a formal request along with acceptable evidence that the problems causing the disqualification have been resolved.

DOTD MATERIALS AND TESTING SECTION COORDINATOR:

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